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**ARTICLE 23.2. INTERSTATE NURSE LICENSURE
COMPACT**

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Chapter 1. Definitions

IC 25-23.2-1-0.5

Purpose of compact

Sec. 0.5. It is the purpose of this compact to allow qualified nurses who are licensed in a compact state to practice nursing in another compact state and to reduce redundant licensing requirements of nurses who practice in multiple states.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

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Application of definitions

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

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"Adverse action"

Sec. 2. "Adverse action" means a home or remote state action.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

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"Alternative program"

Sec. 3. "Alternative program" means a voluntary, nondisciplinary monitoring program approved by a nurse licensing board.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-4

"Coordinated licensure information system"

Sec. 4. "Coordinated licensure information system" means an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing information on nurse licensure and enforcement activities related to nurse licensure laws, which is administered by a nonprofit organization composed of and controlled by state nurse licensing boards.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-5

"Current significant investigative information"

Sec. 5. "Current significant investigative information" means:

- (1) investigative information that a licensing board, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the nurse to respond if required by state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or
- (2) investigative information that indicates that the nurse

represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the nurse has been notified and had an opportunity to respond.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

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"Home state"

Sec. 6. "Home state" means the party state that is the nurse's primary state of residence.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

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"Home state action"

Sec. 7. "Home state action" means any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by the home state's laws that are imposed on a nurse by the home state's licensing board or other authority, including an action against an individual's license such as revocation, suspension, probation, or any other action that affects a nurse's authorization to practice.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

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"Licensing board"

Sec. 8. "Licensing board" means a party state's regulatory body responsible for issuing nurse licenses.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-9

"Multistate licensure privilege"

Sec. 9. "Multistate licensure privilege" means current, official authority from a remote state permitting the practice of nursing as either a registered nurse or a licensed practical/vocational nurse in that party state. All party states have the authority, in accordance with state due process law, to take actions against the nurse's privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation, or any other action that affects a nurse's authorization to practice.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-10

"Nurse"

Sec. 10. "Nurse" means a registered nurse or licensed practical/vocational nurse as defined by the state practice laws of each party state.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-11

"Party state"

Sec. 11. "Party state" means any state that has adopted this compact.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-12**"Remote state"**

Sec. 12. "Remote state" means a party state, other than the home state:

- (1) where the patient is located at the time nursing care is provided; or
- (2) in the case of the practice of nursing not involving a patient, in a party state where the recipient of nursing practice is located.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-13**"Remote state action"**

Sec. 13. "Remote state action" means:

- (1) any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by a remote state's laws that are imposed on a nurse by the remote state's licensing board or other authority, including actions against an individual's multistate licensure privilege to practice in the remote state; and
- (2) cease and desist and other injunctive or equitable orders issued by remote states or the licensing boards of remote states.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-14**"State"**

Sec. 14. "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.

IC 25-23.2-1-15**"State practice laws"**

Sec. 15. "State practice laws" means the individual party state's laws and rules that govern the practice of nursing, define the scope of nursing practice, and create the methods and grounds for imposing discipline. The term does not include the initial qualifications for licensure or requirements necessary to obtain and retain a license, except for qualifications or requirements of the home state.

As added by P.L.181-2002, SEC.12.